

RESOLUTION OF THE BLOOMINGTON FACULTY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, in September 2008, General Peter Pace, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was awarded a distinguished university honor when he was appointed to the Poling Chair of Business and Government.

WHEREAS at the time the award was given, Gen. Pace had attained national notoriety for his statement as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs that the military's policy of discrimination based on sexual orientation was justified because homosexual acts are immoral. The award was therefore deeply offensive to the campus gay and lesbian community.

WHEREAS Indiana University prohibits discrimination against minority groups based on arbitrary characteristics such as sexual orientation, and promises a safe and welcoming environment to members of minority groups, which principles permeate the university and apply to the awarding of honors by individual units, departments and offices. The award to Gen. Pace was contrary to the spirit of our nondiscrimination and equal opportunity policies and had an impact on the public image of the campus.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bloomington Faculty Council expresses its regret that Gen. Pace was brought to campus in a way that was offensive to the gay and lesbian community, and urges all campus administrators to be sensitive to minority concerns when awarding university honors.

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